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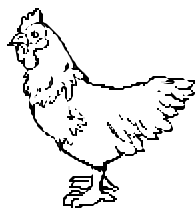
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and barely steady to weak in the East. Demand into retail outlets was slow to fair, mostly slow and seasonal. Food service was light to fairly good supported by fast food promotions. Supplies of larger sizes were adequate to fully sufficient and frequently discounted to move; however, lighter weights were reported as better balanced but still available when needed. In the parts structure, trading was selective and cautious. With supplies of all items at least adequate and easily obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/28/02-02/02/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	47.00-50.00	47.00-65.50	50.11	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	48.00-50.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-63.50	51.00-65.50	62.40	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
698	57.25-65.50	62.80

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.00	1,164
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	3,928
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,104
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	7,825
WINGS	94.50	2,797

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings of additional product were heavy on large birds and Wogs and adequate on lighter weight product. Retail demand was inactive to fair at best, mostly slow overall. Food service movement was light to fairly good. Fast food outlets were providing best interest. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was slow and non-aggressive. Supplies of wings and boneless/skinless breasts were plentiful with dark meat items available. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and wings with all other items about steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was mixed with limited trading. Supplies were more than adequate for light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair. Wings were adequate to ample and often discounted, but were still slow to clear. The remaining items were at least sufficient or available with select fronts closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported at generally unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate on small sized whole body and fully adequate for heavier weights. Buying interest was fair. Some buyers reported heavy product easier to obtain at discounted levels. Retail demand was good in areas where features in progress elsewhere moderate at best. Dealers anticipated fair weekend clearances. Trade sentiment mixed on breasts with bone-in product fully steady and boneless about steady, balance of parts generally steady. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-79, whole cut-up 119-148, best of fryers 119, boneless breast 169-229, boneless breast sliced 398, boneless leg meat 138, split breast 88-119, whole leg 67-99, leg quarter 57 and 10# bag 390, thigh 67-99, drumstick 67-99; Colorado - boneless breast 199-299, boneless breast tenders 349; Arizona - whole body 59-89, whole cut-up 99, boneless breast 188-389 and IQF 3# bag 699-899, leg quarter 79-99 and 10# bag 250-690, thigh 99-119 and IQF 4# bag 2 for 700, drumstick 99-119 and IQF 4# bag 2 for 700, roaster 119-149.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to no better than fair entering the weekend as dealers continued cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were more than sufficient and wings were available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but generally remained no better than fair. Seller offerings were readily available and were competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, all items were fully sufficient in handling the generally light and unaggressive buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.37
NO. OF BOXES	10,048
CUMULATIVE	
	01/21/02-01/25/02 57.57
	01/22/01-01/26/01 55.10
NO. OF BOXES	
	01/21/02-01/25/02 38,335
	01/22/01-01/26/01 54,517

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 25

	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	852	108.00-175.00	119-125	127.53	888	108.00-175.00	119-125	125.51	3,554	126.24
TENDERLOINS	75	105.00-190.00	-	139.00	100	105.00-190.00	-	130.50	355	133.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	58.00-61.00	-	58.35	73	58.00-61.00	-	58.38	314	58.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				201	59.57
LEGS	87	36.00-47.00	36-37	36.89	88	36.00-47.00	-	37.00	189	37.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	22.00-26.00	23-24	23.17	396	22.50-27.00	23-24	23.31	1,664	23.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,380	25.00-29.50	26-28	27.15	890	25.00-29.50	27-28	27.33	4,620	27.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	89.00-95.00	92-94	93.88	281	88.00-95.00	92-93	93.80	1,166	94.38
WINGS (CUT)	427	106.00-119.00	106-107	109.14	427	105.00-117.00	105-106	108.86	1,563	108.66
DRUMSTICKS	66	47.00-49.50	-	49.27	66	47.00-49.50	-	49.27	264	48.29
THIGHS	26	47.00-50.50	48-49	49.69	27	47.00-50.50	48-49	49.63	105	49.18
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	86.18

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 24, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

39.75 - 43.50

AVERAGE

40.73

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 25, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

40.25 - 44.50

AVERAGE

41.66

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

41.72

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged light to no better than fair as dealers became very cautious and curbed orders entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were readily available and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were fully sufficient and wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless-skinless breasts and wings, no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JAN 24				JAN 25				WEEKLY	
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD				
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120	124.53	290,360	115-120	122.11	218,570	125.84	1,413,800	
TENDERLOINS	100	103.88	158,280	100	104.10	59,400	101.66	409,820	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.69	182,600	56-57	63.18	185,640	63.85	732,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	56.86	183,600	56	57.53	161,400	57.43	642,160	
LEGS	38-39	40.82	161,720	38-39	41.45	168,240	39.90	688,120	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	26.09	392,736	24-25	26.41	270,487	26.22	1,356,293	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.00	88,860	38-39	42.12	104,060	41.26	451,290	
THIGHS	28-29	35.46	74,120	28-29	37.88	67,330	36.19	346,370	
B/S THIGHS	85-86	86.06	31,000	85-86	78.65	81,560	82.72	206,490	
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	100.94	269,440	90-91	99.86	219,680	101.80	1,065,360	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.36	23,120	10-12	12.15	38,640	12.15	139,000	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	22.22	16,200	30-35	35.73	8,760	31.88	66,330	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	44.20	24,680	55-60	58.67	23,200	55.04	118,240	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	01/25	01/24	01/23	01/22	WTS	01/23	01/22	WTS
ALA	4,365	3,893	3,684	3,916	5.15	5.13	4,101	5.20
ARK	5,147	5,387	5,214	5,288	4.97	5.07	5,449	4.94
DELMARVA	2,297	2,319	2,320	2,321	5.18	5.19	2,999	5.25
KY-LA-TN	2,177	2,015	1,975	1,949	4.61	4.48	2,029	4.64
MISS	2,743	2,662	2,574	2,351	5.19	5.54	2,824	5.14
NC	3,375	2,692	2,612	2,590	6.20	6.25	3,133	6.11
TEXAS	1,897	2,362	2,378	2,271	4.86	4.87	2,434	4.84
TOTAL	22,001	21,330	20,757	20,686	5.16	5.22	22,969	5.16
MON-FRI100,758(A)							41.74107,983(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jan 02 and 26-Jan-02 is estimated to be 32,916,000 down 4.50 percent from a week ago and up 3.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,467,000; last year 31,862,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Jan-02 is estimated to be 154,993,000 head down 2.3 percent from a week ago, and down 1.2 percent from a year ago (Last week 158,574,000 Last year 156,803,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-102
ICE PACK	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending January 12, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,552	22,469	48,716
Avg Weight	3.69	4.76	6.25
% of total /1	27%	23%	50%

COMPARISONS

Last week	25,261	14,782	37,806
Avg Weight	3.84	4.77	6.23
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	37,338	20,249	51,280
Avg Weight	3.81	4.76	6.01
% of total /1	34%	19%	47%
To date/2002	51,813	37,251	86,522
To date/2001	64,542	46,656	97,535

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-Jan-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	158,580(A)	1,881	1,298	3,179	461
AVG WT	5.24	3.62	7.73	5.30	7.12
LAST WEEK	159,574	1,974	1,378	3,352	491
SAME WK YR AGO	149,911	1,787	1,376	3,163	511
AVG WT	5.07	3.42	7.75	5.30	6.74
TO-DATE/2002	436,423	5,291	3,847	9,138	1,344
TO-DATE/2001	433,934	5,119	3,393	8,512	1,435

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.5 million head or 5.5 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 22, 2002

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.28	Silkie	2.00 - 2.25ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.08	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.30 - .64	White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.24	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.20	4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.62
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.22	7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.34
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 5.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.80 - 1.12	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20 - 1.60	Doves	7.00 - 9.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00 ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.75 ea.	Total Coops Sold	388

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 21-JAN-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-65	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 21-JAN-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 15	156.6	152.0	103	5.08
22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
29	116.7	141.6	82	5.23
JANUARY 5	119.7	144.2	83	5.20
12	161.5	150.6	107	5.10
19	160.5	155.0	104	5.24
YEAR TO DATE	441.7	449.8	98	
JANUARY 26		155.7		
FEBRUARY 2		157.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	01/26/02	01/19/02	% CHG	01/27/01	% CHG
Broilers	154,993	158,574*	-02	156,803*	-01
Cattle	656	686	-04	665*	-01
Hogs	1,900	1,971	-04	1,914*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL